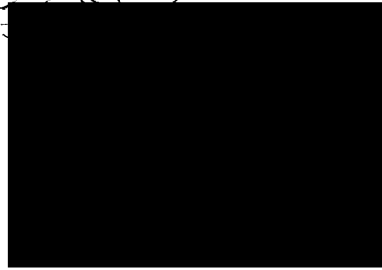


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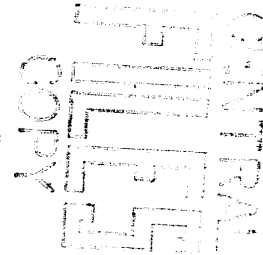
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PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNS, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1943. FOIA b3 -three FOIA b3a reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED]

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports beginning with the most recent FOIA b3a working backward, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED]. The numbering of the items was added by the translator FOIA b3a the Germans did this only in the last eighteen reports, [REDACTED] inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

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Military-Economic Report

(Based on domestic radio traffic)

25 March 1943

More Important Reports

(1) In radio communications of the Civil Air Fleet, a message of 22 March from Kazan to Moscow mentioned an Ob. Division ("Obeskij Detachment"?). It could not be determined whether this was a flight unit.

(2) In a message of 24 March from Novosibirsk (?) to Moscow, a Chuzov Group was mentioned for the first time.

(3) In a message of 22 March from Moscow to Irkutsk, a 407 Aviation Repair Base with Railway Station Mstera (270 km. ENE of Moscow) was mentioned on the Gorkij Railway Line.

(4) The addressee of a message of 22 March from Moscow to Irkutsk (?) confirmed the location of Flight Group Mazuruk as Yakutsk. (Compare Daily Report 26/2).

(5) A conversation between Alma Ata and Aktyubinsk indicates that an organization of women-tractor-brigades is planned.

Personnel Situation

(6) Omsk NKRF is not fulfilling the plan for the training of personnel. Only 35 of 60 captains and mechanics' helpers took part in the training.

(7) NKRF Krasnoyarsk is assigning for practical training:

Ship machinists	50 men
Ship motor pilots	90
Radio service managers	60

(8) Mobilizations are being carried out in the second quarter for logging operations. These include:

Enisej Steamship Agency	300 men
Shipyard in Pridivinsk	70

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(9) Ulan Ude NKRF is assigning for practical training:

Ship machinists	40 men
Pilots	40
Blagoveshchensk NKRF:	
Ship machinists	35 men

(10) Mobilizations were carried out in the second quarter for logging operations including:

Chita NKRF to the Upper Amur Steamship Agency	95 men
Khabarovsk NKRF to the Upper Amur Steamship Agency	80
Lower Amur Steamship Agency	60

Food Situation

(11) Ust-Usa NKRF. The delivery offices are obliged, for timber procurement and floating operations, to ship by 25 March feed grain, food and industrial products from the first quarter allocation and 25% of the second quarter allocation.

(12) For management personnel of Chardzhou NKRF 53 additional noon rations have been established in the second quarter.

(13) Barnaul NKRF will receive 600 kilograms of flour in March.

(14) Ulan Ude NKRF will receive 150 kilograms of dog food in March.

(15) By suitable measures NKRF Yakutsk is to prevent the spoilage of 80 tons of grain which became wet from the sea.

Material Supply

Tiflis

(16) In April Plant "Generator" will receive 12 carloads of airplane parts from Sverdlovsk.

(17) On 15 March the Chief Directorate for Aviation of the NKVD received an order for 1,000 tons of cement. The deliveries have not yet taken place.

Metal Supply

(18) River Fleet Supply in Gorkij is to ship 500 kilograms of galvanized roofing sheet to Moscow NKRF.

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(19) Gorodets NKRF will receive 20 tons of cast iron.

(20) Novosibirsk NKRF will receive 47 tons of sheet metal from an NKRF plant in Molotov and 20 tons of sheet metal from an NKRF plant in Kuznetsk.

Oil Supply

(21) Only 50 tons of mazut instead of the required 350 tons were authorized for the electricity plant in Ordzhonikidze. The electricity plant and industry had to discontinue work.

Coal Supply

(22) Instead of Sangar coal Yakutsk NKRF is to receive for the 1943 navigation period 3,000 tons of coal from "Zagokhaisk" and 20,000 tons of coal from "Aldansk."

Textile Supply

(23) Krasnodar Grain Procurement requires tarpaulin-tilts to cover the grain from the burnt-down granaries, and 50 units each are required for Armavir, Kropotkin, Tikhoretsk and Krasnodar.

(24) Ilijsk NKRF cannot deliver 3 1/2 tons of rope because of the lack of hemp.

(25) Chardzhou NKRF will receive 15 tons of rope and 20 tons of hemp from Frunze.

Chemical Supply

(26) Gorkij River Fleet Supply will receive 1 ton of caustic soda from the Chief Directorate for Chemical Sales in March.

(27) Sverdlovsk NKRF, River Fleet Supply, will deliver additionally to:

Omsk NKRF	solid caustic potash	60 kilograms
Novosibirsk NKRF	" " "	40
Krasnoyarsk NKRF	" " "	100
Semipalatinsk NKRF	" " "	30
Amu Darya Steamship Agency	" " "	150
Aralsk NKRF	" " "	20

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(28) The combine in Noril will deliver to the Enisej River Fleet:

Ammonal-explosive (?)	13 tons
Detonators	13,000 units
Firing tape	6,600 meters

Production

(29) The Timber Industry in Erivan requires material and parts for the building of 5,200 two-horse vehicles in 1943.

(30) The March distribution plan of electric current for Power Sales in Yaroslavl:

	Output in kw.	Quantity in 1,000 kwh.
Lock in Rybinsk	15	---
Wharf "Volodarskij"	285	35
Dock Rybinsk	30	9
Dock Yaroslavl	20	6
Fishery Harbor	30	20
Workshops in Yaroslavl	20	15

(31) A plant "Lenin", which manufactures spare parts for tractors, was mentioned in Blagoveshchensk.

Transport Situation

(32) The Transcaucasian Railway is obliged to make the following cars available in March:

Chemical Factory Kirovakan	22 cars
Distribution of cars	
Kazan	5
Ryazan-Ural	4
Kujbyshev	3
Omsk	3
Tomsk	2
Perm	2
East Siberia	1
Transcaucasus	1
Kaganovich	1
To Carbide Factory #1 in Erivan	4 cars
Distribution of cars	
Far East	1
Ural	1
Kujbyshev	1
Kazan	1

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